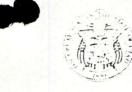


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Mr. Kent Dahlquist Engineering Department Union Carbide Corporation Metals Division Uravan, Colorado 81436

> Re: Mine Plan Approvals LaSa1-Snowball ACT/037/026 Wilson-Silverbell ACT/037/027 Deremo ACT/037/025 Heccla Shaft ACT/037/043

Dear Kent:

During the February 2, 1979 Executive Session , the Board concurred with the Division's surety estimate of \$38,449.26 for the Heccla Shaft. In addition, the Board endorsed the Division's recommendation that final approval be issued after February 5, 1979, conditional upon no adverse public comment received prior to that date and upon receipt of surety and Form MR-8.

Enclosed is a copy of the surety estimate for the Heccla Shaft. I believe you have copies for the other mines given tentative approval at the December 29, 1978 meeting: LaSal-Snowball, Wilson-Silverbell, and Deremo. Also enclosed are Surety Contract Forms for the Heccla Shaft and the three mines mentioned above. The Board feels that a contract with Union Carbide is sufficient surety.

Upon receipt of the surety contracts for the four mines and Form MR-8 for the Heccla Shaft, the Division will issue final approval for the mines, provided however that no adverse public comment is received prior to the end of the 30 day comment period after publication.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

K. MICHAEL THOMPSON ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

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Form MR-8 Heccla Shaft enc: Surety Contract Forms for LaSal-Snowball, Wilson-Silverbell Deremo, Heccla Shaft